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## Avoid the rush as filing deadline approaches E-filing means quick refunds, fewer errors

MADISON – With two weeks remaining before the April 15 deadline, the Department of Revenue encourages taxpayers who haven't yet filed their returns to avoid the last minute rush and consider electronic filing.

	This year to date	Last year to date
Total Received	1,774,342	1,716,888
-Paper	488,693	516,191
-Electronic	1,285,649	1,200,697
Average refund	\$644	\$585

As the deadline approaches, e-filing is especially helpful in avoiding long waits for refunds. Because of the large amount of mail received in the final weeks of the filing season, filing on paper may mean a wait of several weeks for a refund compared to just days for e-filing. Taxpayers who file on paper can avoid further delays by filing now rather than waiting until April 15.

Errors and missing information also cause costly delays. While e-filing is the most accurate way to prepare returns, those who do choose to file on paper should follow these tips:

- Avoid using commas or cents, and follow examples on the form when printing numerals.
- Double check all math and review tax tables.
- Look over the entire return to ensure it is completely and accurately filled out.
- Sign the return, and include all necessary schedules and supporting documents.
- If tax is due, attach the payment check to the front of the return with a paper clip.

To check the status of a state tax refund, taxpayers may call:

- **(608) 266-8100** in Madison
- **(414) 227-4907** in Milwaukee
- **1-866-WIS-RFND** in all other areas

Refund inquiries may also be made online – click “Check on your refund” from the Department’s home page. Please allow one week for e-filed returns and up to 12 weeks for paper returns before inquiring.

### Need help?

Visit [www.revenue.wi.gov](http://www.revenue.wi.gov) or call Department of Revenue customer service at (608) 266-2772. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites offer free tax return preparation for low- and moderate-income individuals and families – call 211 for the nearest location. These sites can also assist those needing to file a 2007 federal tax return to receive the economic stimulus payment.

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